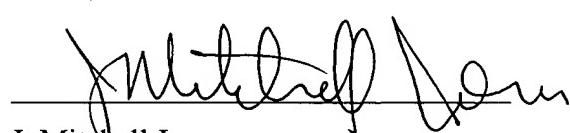


R E M A R K S

Claims 33-46 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the Applicants' claims should be allowed. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to call (608) 218-6900.

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